

Dear FTC,

My wife and I have been independent Business Owners for almost 5 years. I have never assumed that this business opportunity was a “get rich quick” scheme because there is never a solid foundation built to sustain wealth in any “Get Rich Quick” scheme... such as a State Lottery. In this business, everyone signs up at the same level, but at different states of mind. If we apply the same logic that your proposal places upon our business to every college in the United States, the education system would be considered a fraud. I have spent 12 years in post high school education and my wife has 5 years of post high school education, and by completing those programs, we have three pieces of paper called diplomas to show for our efforts. Our “efforts” in school does not guarantee us a job in any way, our efforts guarantee us a diploma that says we are capable of learning at some level. In our business, people who register have six months to decide that if this business is not working the way they want, they get a 100% refund of their business investment. How many colleges are offering 100% guarantees that if you are not making the money you expected in the field you studied for? This business requires personal responsibility. Personal responsibility is required of college students to invest time and money into their education so they can succeed at any level that their education allows. Personal Responsibility is required to make ANY business work, whether it is Microsoft, a local landscape company, a restaurant, or any business in existence. This Whole proposal is designed for people who lack the Personal Responsibility to make their business work and need excuses why it didn't work or why they do not want it to work.

If we applied the same proposal to every business in the US, to supply the same information to job applicants... I believe the US economy would suffer. Our business operates like any other business... I make profit when I have moved business volume. I have access to over one million products and services, and I have the opportunity to move those products and services... IF I WANT TO. I don't have to... but if I really want to EARN some money... I SHOULD promote my products and services. I invested less than \$200 to access those products and services. I have received a check every month for moving my business products and services.

I know your proposal means well, and attempts to protect people from “get rich schemes”. But unfortunately, it is designed to protect those without Personal Responsibility and to tie down those who have personal responsibility. The problem is the attempt to legislate personal responsibility. It can not be done. Some people have a will to succeed, some people have a will to survive, and some people have a will to do nothing except to survive on someone's success, and then there are those who have a will to do nothing. Laws will not change the will. Money can not change the will. Only the heart and mind can change the will. Laws can not change the heart or the mind, but laws do influence our actions. Your proposal is a step to legislate everything to prevent anything. It is the first step to applying this proposal to all businesses... including educational institutions. Law abiding citizens comply with the law. The law does not make citizens comply. Every one who breaks a law is not concerned about the law, it is those citizens who are personally responsible who live according to the law. The law will apply to me and to all of my business associates because we are under jurisdiction of the law. It will in no way influence the way illegal organizations run their business because they are illegal organizations and will always operate outside the law.

I firmly believe that as laws are constantly written, freedoms are constantly eroding. Laws are not being removed in favor of rewritten laws. Every law exercises restriction of actions for law-abiding citizens and allows greater flexibility to those who ignore the law. I firmly believe that the government has the right to protect law-abiding citizens from those who seek harm and greed of US citizens. I firmly believe that the government has the responsibility to protect this nation from foreign attacks. The government does bear the responsibility to maintain civil peace and safety. Anything beyond those responsibilities becomes legislation of the mind. The major commodity that separates us from the rest of the world is to be able to dream and think without restriction. This freedom allowed us to win WWII, put men on the moon, to become the worlds strongest economy. But as I write this, our freedoms to think what we believe is slowly eroding away. This is the time to draw a line. We must ask ourselves, “Is this legislation going to help the personally responsible productive citizens, or aid those who are looking for the FREE RIDE in life... the “Get Rich Scheme”? This country was founded on one of these types of people. Other countries suffer from the leadership of the other types of people. Your decision will either impede those looking for true personal

success, or help those who want to succeed to succeed at a faster pace. As I close, think about this question, "Is it possible to legislate against ignorance"? I believe that this proposal is a step into that direction. Imagine if every legal business and educational institution had to comply with the same proposal to all of their applicants. One word would justify the thought... LUDICROUS!

Thank you for your time and understanding,

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